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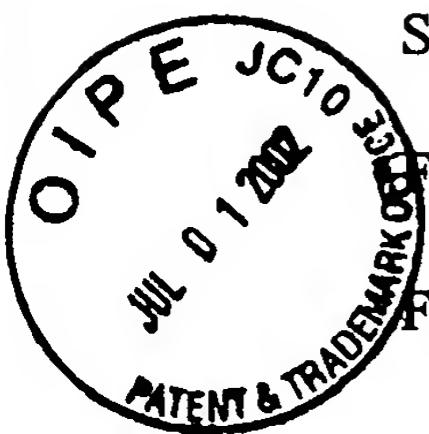
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: BISCHOFF

Serial No.: 10/080,748 Group No.:

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For: DECORATIVE VALVED TRACHEOSTOMY DEVICE



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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